

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, line 17, replace the paragraph beginning with “In the definition,” with the following amended paragraph:

In the definition of “optionally esterified or amidated carboxyl group” for R⁴, examples of esterified carboxyl group include a carboxyl group esterified with a lower alkyl group, and examples of amidated carboxyl group include a carboxyl group amidated with a lower alkyl-substituted amino group which may be optionally substituted by a hydroxy group or an optionally substituted 5- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteromonocyclic group and a carboxyl group amidated with [[a]] an optionally substituted 5- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteromonocyclic group. Examples of amidated carboxyl group include a carboxyl group amidated with a lower-alkyl-substituted amino group optionally substituted by a 5- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteromonocyclic group selected from pyrrolyl group, oxazolyl group, pyrazolyl group, pyrrolinyl group, pyrrolidinyl group, imidazolyl group, piperidyl group, piperazinyl group, morpholinyl group, pyridyl group, pyridazinyl group, pyrimidinyl group, pyrazinyl group, triazinyl group, imidazolidinyl group and thiazolyl group, each group being optionally substituted by a lower alkyl group; and a carboxyl group amidated with a 5- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing heteromonocyclic group selected from a pyrrolyl group, oxazolyl group, pyrazolyl group, pyrrolinyl group, pyrrolidinyl group, imidazolyl group, piperidyl group, piperazinyl group, morpholinyl group, pyridyl group, pyridazinyl group, pyrimidinyl group, pyrazinyl group, triazinyl group, imidazolidinyl group and thiazolyl group, each group being optionally substituted by a lower alkyl group.